Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda encourages residents to bike to work and school to

improve air quality, relieve traffic congestion, and promote the healthy

benefits of cycling; and

WHEREAS, bicycling to work and to school reduces traffic congestion, improves air

quality, and decreases fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, Bike-to-Work and Bike-to-School days have proved effective in converting

drivers to bicyclists, and educating residents about the environmental and

health benefits of biking to work and to school; and

WHEREAS, BikeAlameda, in partnership with the City, has created and organized

events to promote the safe use of bicycles and assist in the furtherance of

making Alameda a bike-friendly city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda, joined by other cities and counties in the Bay Area, is

promoting Thursday, May 12, as Bike-to-Work Day and Bike-to-School Day,

2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 12 as

Bike-to-Work Day, 2011 Bike-to-School Day, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I commend BikeAlameda for its partnership with the City and encourage all residents to join with the City of Alameda Public Works Department, Kaiser Permanente, Alameda Unified School District, Alameda County Safe Routes to School, the Alameda/Oakland Ferry Service, the Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry Service, Peet's Coffee, Alameda Bicycle, Greater Alameda Business Association, Alameda Backyard Chickens, and hundreds of local volunteers in supporting the City of Alameda's Bike-to-Work Day and Bike-to-School Day; and invite all Alameda residents, businesses, civic groups, government agencies, and other organizations to participate in local and regional celebratory and educational activities.

Marie L. Gilmore Mayor